

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

March 15, 2026

St. Paul Lutheran Church
10792 North 210 East • Seymour, IN 47274
The Reverend Stephen Wood, Pastor

OUR MISSION: *Walking in Faith – Sowing Christ’s Love*

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Leaders:

Pastor Steve Wood
Intern Beth Sheedy

Organist: Olga Otte

Deacons:

Dan Holle; Gerald Wayt

Communion Assistant:

Chris Otte (8:00)
Larry Guinn (10:15)

Communion Prep:

Karen Wiesehan (8:00)
Nina Franke (10:15)

Lectors:

Amelia Shaw (8:00)
Laberta Otte (10:15)

Acolytes:

Claire Engelau & Caleb Baker (8:00)
Sage Zakrzewski (10:15)

Projectors:

Sam Engelau (8:00)
Kathy England (10:15)

Camera:

Hannah Baker

Altar flowers are provided by:

St. Paul Lutheran Church is a congregation of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (E.L.C.A.). It is referred to as “Borchers” since Rev. Henry Borchers, who served our congregation from 1857-1881, advised and influenced a small group of pioneer settlers that wanted to establish a congregation in the area. This year we celebrate 174 years of life and ministry. We look forward to many more years of growth and change as we seek continually to be faithful to God’s call to mission.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered at the 8:00 a.m. services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays and at the 10:15 a.m. service on the 1st and the 3rd Sundays of the month. Christians who believe in the true presence of Christ in the bread and wine for our forgiveness and salvation are invited to receive Holy Communion.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

STAFF

The Reverend Stephen Wood.....Pastor
Beth Sheedy.....Pastoral Intern
Trish Tangman.....Care Team Director
Jamie Baker.....Youth & Family Ministries
and Technology Director
Maddie Whiteside.....Youth & Family Ministries
Jennifer Duncan.....Borchers Preschool Director
Michelle Wood.....Secretary
Jennifer Duncan & Sam Plumlee.....Custodians

We gather today as God’s beloved children to worship our Heavenly Father. We praise his holy name, we listen eagerly for his words of comfort, hope, and challenge to us, and we offer ourselves to him in dedicated service. May you be blessed as you worship here today.

This week: March 15-21

Sunday 15th Lawn Mowing Bids due
 Newsletter deadline
 8:00 am Communion
 9:00 am Sunday School
 9:00 am First Communion class
 10:15 am Communion
 6:30 pm Adult Bells
 7:00 pm Choir

Monday 16th **CARPET CLEANING**
 OFFICE CLOSED
 NO PRESCHOOL
 1:00 pm Blanket Making
 8:00 pm Dartball at Immanuel

Tues. 17th **CARPET CLEANING**
 OFFICE CLOSED
 11:30 pm Ladies Lunch at The
 Bearded Hobo

Wed. 18th NO PRESCHOOL
 7:00 pm Lenten Service

Thurs. 19th 9:00 am Borchers Breakfast
 Club
 9:30 am Tai Chi
 1:00 pm Blood Drive (until 6:00)
 1:00 pm Ruth Circle

Friday 20th NO PRESCHOOL
 1:00 pm Blanket Making

Next week: March 22-27

Sunday 22nd 8:00 am Communion
 9:00 am Sunday School
 9:00 am First Communion class
 10:15 am Communion
 6:30 pm Adult Bells
 7:00 pm Choir

Monday 23rd 9:00 am Preschool
 1:00 pm Blanket Making
 1:00 pm Book Buzz
 7:00 pm Church Council
 8:00 pm Dartball at home
 (Dudleytown N)

Tues. 24th 6:30 pm Kids Bells

Wed. 25th 9:00 am Preschool
 6:30 pm Wed. Youth Night
 7:00 pm Lenten Service

Thurs. 26th 9:00 am Borchers Breakfast
 Club
 9:30 am Tai Chi

Friday 27th 9:00 am Preschool
 1:00 pm Blanket Making

HEARING ASSISTANCE—We have headphones available for those in need of assistance with hearing. They are located on the table at the entrance of the sanctuary.

GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION WAFERS—We have gluten-free communion wafers available. Indicate to the pastor when you come up for communion if you need these.

FOOD PANTRY—The food pantry items being collected in March are spaghetti and spaghetti sauce. Please place your donations in the wooden box near the kitchen marked “Food Pantry”, or in the basket near the main entry doors. Donations are taken to Provisions, Anchor House or Jamestown Apartments.

TURNING POINT—In March, we are collecting towels and washcloths (new and gently used) for Turning Point domestic violence shelter. There is a collection box near the kitchen.

CARPET CLEANING**March 16 & 17**

The carpets at the church and parsonage will be cleaned. Please minimize foot traffic in the church on those days. ***THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED***

Adult Sunday School

Our Adult Sunday School class is studying the **Book of Daniel**. Daniel speaks to people of faith living in uncertain times—calling us to wisdom, courage, and steadfast hope when following God feels countercultural. All adults are welcome—whether Daniel is familiar or brand new to you. Join us as we listen for God's promises, ask questions, and encourage one another in faith.

LAWN MOWING BID FORMS

DUE TODAY

Forms are at the Welcome Center. This is for mowing of the church, parsonage and cemetery. Forms must be turned in to Tim England or Allen Morrison. They both have mailboxes in the church office.

Newsletter Deadline

TODAY

Red Cross Blood Drive

NOTE: DIFFERENT DAY OF THE WEEK

Thursday, March 19 1:00 – 6:00 PM

Please contact Joe Tormoehlen directly to schedule your donation time. Tell your friends and family about the next blood drive date at St. Paul! Thank you for continuing to remember the need for donations in our area.

Ladies' Lunch

Tuesday, March 17 at 11:30 a.m.

The Bearded Hobo
1029 W. Commerce St., Brownstown

Ruth Circle

Thursday, March 19 1:00 p.m. at church

Flowers donations needed for Easter

We need donations of various potted spring flowers to put around the base of the Easter Cross. **Flowers need to be at church by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 4.** They can be taken home after the 10:15 service.

BOOK BUZZ

March 23 at 1:00 p.m.

We will discuss "The Stolen Lady" by Laura Morelli. We meet on the 4th Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!! Questions? Talk to Trish Tangman or Michelle Wood.

Wednesday Youth Night

March 25 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday night gathering for students in grades 6-12. Teens will have a chance to unwind, learn some new songs and participate in a Bible study. Please talk to Jamie Baker or Maddie Whiteside with any questions.

HELP NEEDED: Sunday School Snacks

Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Plan to provide snacks for 60.

Suggestions are: fruit, muffins, donuts and prepackaged snacks.

BLANKETS TO BE TIED

We're needing people to knot blankets for Lutheran World Relief.

Blankets are located on a table in the narthex.

Place in Mission Outreach Closet when finished.

Cornhole Tournament

Saturday, April 11

Check in 9:00 a.m.
Games begin at 10:00 a.m.

Entry fee \$30 per team

Sign up at the Welcome Center or Online.
Pay at the event.

****Win Tournament and Raffle Prizes****

This is a Luther League fundraiser for their summer mission trip to Copperhill, Tennessee. If you would like to donate any prizes for this event or our upcoming golf scramble, please contact any Luther League member.

Thank you for your support!



LENTEN SERIES

Images of God: A Lenten Journey Through Sacred Objects

Lent invites us to slow down, to look more closely, and to listen more deeply for the ways God meets us in the midst of our lives. Throughout the Scriptures, God is revealed not only through words and ideas, but also through concrete images and ordinary objects—fire and wind, clay and a shepherd’s staff, wings and an anchor, a simple cup. These images give shape to what can otherwise feel abstract, helping us see, touch, and imagine who God is and how God works among us.

This Lenten season, our worship will center on a series called *Images of God*, exploring how everyday objects become windows into the mystery of God’s presence. Each week, we will focus on a different image drawn from the Bible. These images are not meant to explain God fully, but to invite us into relationship with the living God who meets us in tangible ways. As we move through Lent together, you are encouraged to notice the objects that shape your own faith story and to reflect on where you see God at work—refining, breathing life, guiding, protecting, and sustaining you.

Here are the Images that we will examine this Lenten Season:

March 18—Shield/Wings

God who protects and shelters

March 25—Anchor

God who holds us fast

April 2—Cup (Maundy Thursday)

God who gives God’s self

Lenten Services

Every Wednesday
7:00 p.m.

**March 15,
2026**

GOING DEEPER

The purpose of this page is to provide a tool or instrument for your spiritual growth. This page contains a brief synopsis of the readings as well as some questions for your reflection to help you go deeper with the Word. On the back is a day by day listing of scripture readings with possible prayer request. Individuals are listed on their day of birth—so that you might pray for them on their birthday. Also on the back is the prayer list for the congregation. Keep on Growing Spiritually!!

READINGS FOR THE DAY:

I Samuel 16:1-13: Samuel even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the spirit of the Lord, designating David as the Lord's chosen successor to Saul.

Ephesians 5:8-14: Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.

John 9:1-41: Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.

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QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- 1— How might God see differently than you do? (I Samuel 16:1-13)
- 2—How is God like a shepherd in your life? (Psalm 23)
- 3—How might Christ be offering you a way, through the pain or grief, to persist in a 'vibrant life'? (John 9:1-41)
- 4—How do these texts speak to you today?

Prayer: *Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit. Amen.*

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: PSALM 23:1

¹The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 3/15

Isaiah 3:1-26
II Timothy 4:1-22
✦ Natalie Fish, Eamon Shaw
✦ world peace

Monday 3/16

Isaiah 4:1-6
Titus 1:1-16
✦ soldiers

Tuesday 3/17

Isaiah 5:1-30
Titus 2:1-15
✦ Bill Bryden, Aden Kruse
✦ struggling congregations

Wednesday 3/18

Isaiah 6:1-13
Titus 3:1-15
✦ Sarah Rotert, Lauren Johnson, Bryce McCory
✦ teacher's aides

Thursday 3/19

Isaiah 7:1-25
Philemon 1-25
✦ Borcher's Breakfast Club

Friday 3/20

Isaiah 8:1-22
Hebrews 1:1-14
✦ Thaddeus Zakrzewski
✦ Matthew 25 Ministries

Saturday 3/21

Isaiah 9:1-21
Hebrews 2:1-18
✦ Adalaya Sanders
✦ Christians in Egypt

PRAYER LIST

Recent Hospitalizations:

Adelee Davis (*cancer—relative of Daryl Paswater*)
Amelia Jessup (*heart—granddaughter of Loyal Waltz*)

Other Prayer Requests:

Family & friends of Ed Engelau
Sandy Smith (*Robert Smith's mother*)
Paul Franke (*heart—Clayton Franke's father*)
Haylee Stuckwisch
(*pregnancy issues—friend of Carrie Morrison*)
Darren Davis (*heart attack—Susie Alstatt's brother*)
Randall Frost
(*cancer—uncle of Chris Otte and friend of Dave Bode*)
Sandy Kovener (*heart—friend of Shirley Lewis*)
Stephanie Gricius (*cancer—friend of Karen Dringenburg*)
Ben Fox (*surgery*)
Juvonda Jones (*broken leg—KY Hendrix's sister*)
Alice Bayman (*cancer—Olga Otte's sister*)
Sarah Rotert (*fall*)
Lois Rust (*RSV*)
Kay Hoene (*back surgery*)
Red Angel (*ankle surgery*)
Bonnie Herkamp (*cancer-relative of Carmen Herkamp*)
August Herkamp (*granddaughter of Carmen Herkamp*)
Waldron Rust (*fall*)
Jaxon Reinhart (*cancer—friend of Grant & Caleb Wheatley*)
Dillon Williams (*son-in-law of Tim & Kathy England*)
Florence Otte (*health*)
Kim Dringenburg (*health*)
Patricia Lewis (*cancer—Tim England's mother*)
Bobby Akemon (*cancer—friend of Jennie Hoene*)
Brooke Elmore (*cancer—friend of Tammi Reinbold*)
Kevin Trask (*cancer—friend of Chris Otte*)
Linda Lloyd (*medical—Tim England's aunt*)
Olivia Sons (*epileptic seizures—friend of Kathy England*)
Angie Lucas (*cancer*)
Pastor John Wanamaker (*cancer*)
Bob Butcher (*health issues—friend of Susie Alstatt*)
Courtney Hardebeck (*illness—friend of Cassie Fox*)
Pegi Bricker (*spinal surgery—friend of Kendra Harris*)
Megan White (*leukemia—friend of Kendra Harris*)
Monty Reynolds (*prostate cancer—friend of Kathy England*)
Hannah & Jimmy Whitaker
(*medical concerns—friends of Kathy England*)
Paul Lewis (*melanoma-step-dad of Tim England*)
Mark Gillespie (*cancer-friend of Charlotte Guinn*)
Ernie Kleffman (*back*)
Treva & Danny Edwards
(*health issues—relatives of Robert Smith*)
Michelle Sallee (*cancer—friend of Gretchen Lawles and Linda Guinn*)
Debbie Schroer (*kidney cancer-mother of Tracey Engelau*)

Prayer for Homebound Individuals:

Patty Herkamp; Selma Mellenbruch, Paul Newkirk, Sonna Wentz, Shirley Runge

Prayer for Long Term Care Issues:

Helen Carter; Andy Runge; Gavin Brown (friend of Leah Otte); Robert Noblitt (Chris Kleffman's father)

Prayers for those in Military Service:

Noah Hendrix (nephew of KY Hendrix); Nate Otte (Chris Otte's cousin); Andrew & Joanah Yerrell (Roger Douglass' grandson & wife); Seth Douglass

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

We Worshipped:

March 4 — 47

March 8 — 8:00 service: 79 10:15 service: 64

Financial Report:

Feb. 25 — \$335.00 (Benevolence) March 4 — \$355.00 (Benevolence)

March 1— Spending Plan: \$3,197.00 Other giving: \$140.00 New parsonage: \$115.00

TOTAL: \$3,452.00

March 8— Spending Plan: \$8,200.00 Other giving: \$115.00 New parsonage: \$110.00

TOTAL: \$8,475.00

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR MARCH 22:

Communion Assistant:

Chris Otte (8:00)
Larry Guinn (10:15)

Communion Prep:

Gwen Newkirk (8:00)
Marj Rust (10:15)

Lectors:

Mandy Otte (8:00)
Marj Rust (10:15)

Acolytes:

Kasen Nichalson & Layne Thompson (8:00)
Daniel Hendrix (10:15)

Projectors:

Natalie Fish (8:00)
Michelle Wood (10:15)

Camera:

Tim England

Altar flowers are provided by:

Dennis Rust

Sunday School Snacks:

Need volunteer

READINGS FOR MARCH 22:

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

OUR CORE VALUES:

1. **Spirituality** – to worship, grow and develop spiritually as Christians.
2. **Outreach** – to spread the message of God's love and grace by word and action
3. **Service to Others** – to live Christ's message to love one another

You can support the mission of our church by coming to worship, engaging in study, sharing the word, bringing a friend to church, taking part in Care Team initiatives, volunteering at church or in the community and loving one another. We invite you to join us in this journey.

HOW TO CONTACT US:

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Michelle's office hours:

Monday—8:30-2:30

Wednesday—8:30-2:30

Friday—8:30-12:30

Facebook:

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Services are available on YouTube:

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